# GANSEY STYLE MYSTERY HOOD

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This hood-shaped hat with an attached neck-warmer (cowl) can be created using your choice of two different construction methods; knit flat and seamed, or shaped with short rows and picked-up stitches. The easy-to-knit flat method was first introduced to the Holiday Mystery Gifts Yahoo group as a mystery knit-along. The members were give one clue (instruction) each day without even knowing what it was they were knitting!

You can choose to follow the original clues 1 thru 7 for your project which is knit completely flat on 2 straight or one circular needle. The finished shape is achieved by sewing some seams. The **One-Piece** method results in the same finished hood and is shaped with short rows similar to making a heel on a sock and some picking up of stitches.

## Materials
220 yards (100gr) worsted weight yarn. Sample knit in *Wool of the Andes* from Knit Picks, 50g/110yds per skein, 2 skeins Winter Night.
1 pair straight, or one circular US size 7 (4.5mm) needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*
2ea ¾" buttons

**Size**  Adult loose fitting

**Gauge**  5 sts = 1" over Stockinette Stitch

## NOTE
For the original flat knit construction method simply follow Clues 1 through 7. For the One-Piece construction method follow Clues 1 through 3, next work the alternative Clues 4 and 5 on last page, end by working Clue 6.

## CLUE 1 (Ribbed Band)
Cast on 112 stitches.
Knit in 2 x 2 ribbing for 2 inches by working *k2, p2, repeat from * to end of row.
Next row (wrong side): (k2, p2) twice, *k1, k1fbl, p2, (k2, p2) twice, repeat from * 7 more times, (k2, p2) twice = 120 sts.

## CLUE 2 (Gansey Style Patterning)
**Row 1 (Right Side):** knit
**Row 2:** purl
**Row 3:** purl
**Row 4:** knit
**Row 5:** *k6, p2, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 6:** p1, *k2, p6, repeat from * to last 7 sts, k2, p5

**Row 7:** k4, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last 4 sts, p2, k2
**Row 8:** p3, *k2, p6, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k2, p3
**Row 9:** k2, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last 6 sts, p2, k4
**Row 10:** p5, *(k2, p6)*, repeat from * to * to last 3 sts, k2, p1
**Row 11:** *p2, k6, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 12:** k1, *p6, k2, repeat from * to last 7 sts, p6, k1
**Row 13:** *k6, p2, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 14:** p1, *k2, p6, repeat from * to last 7 sts, k2, p5
**Row 15:** purl
**Row 16:** knit
**Row 17:** k5, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last stitch, k1
**Row 18:** *k2, p6, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 19:** p1, *k6, p2, repeat from * to last 7 sts, k6, p1
**Row 20:** *p6, k2, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 21:** k1, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last 7 sts, p2, k5
**Row 22:** p4, *k2, p6, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k2, p2
**Row 23:** k3, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p2, k3
**Row 24:** p2, *k2, p6, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k2, p4
**Row 25:** k5, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1
**Row 26:** *k2, p6, repeat from * to end of row

**CLUE 3 (Body of Head)**
**Row 1:** purl
**Row 2:** knit
**Row 3 (Right Side):** knit
**Row 4 (Wrong Side):** purl
Repeat rows 3 & 4, (will make stockinette stitch) until pieces measures 7" from cast on edge. End after working a wrong side (purl) row.

**CLUE 4 (Head Shaping) **FOR ONE-PIECE CONSTRUCTION METHOD SEE LAST PAGE**
**Row 1:** bind off (loosely) the first 40 sts, knit to the end of the row = 80 sts
**Row 2:** bind off (loosely) the first 40 sts, purl to the end of the row = 40 sts
**Row 3 (Right Side):** knit
**Row 4 (Wrong Side):** purl
Repeat rows 3 & 4, (will make stockinette stitch) until piece measures 15" from cast on edge. End after working a wrong side (purl) row.

**CLUE 5 (Cowl) **FOR ONE-PIECE CONSTRUCTION METHOD SEE LAST PAGE**
**Row 1:** knit across the 40 sts
**Row 2:** using the knitted or cable cast-on method, cast on 56 sts. Do not turn work. *k2, p2, repeat from * to end of row = 96 sts
**Row 3:** using the knitted or cable cast-on method, cast on 56 sts. Do not turn work. *k2, p2, repeat from * to end of row = 152 sts
**Row 4:** *k2, p2, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 5:** same as Row 4

**CLUE 6 (Cowl Button Holes)**

**Row 1:**  k2, p2, k1, bind off 3 sts, *k2, p2, repeat from * to end of row
**Row 2:** *k2, p2, repeat from * to until you reach the bound off stitches from the prior row. Using the knitted or cable cast-on method, cast on 3 sts, p1, k2, p2
**Row 3:** *k2, p2, repeat from * to end of row
**Rows 4 – 8:** same as Row 3
**Row 9:** same as Row 1
**Row 10:** same as Row 2
**Row 12 - 16:** same as Row 3
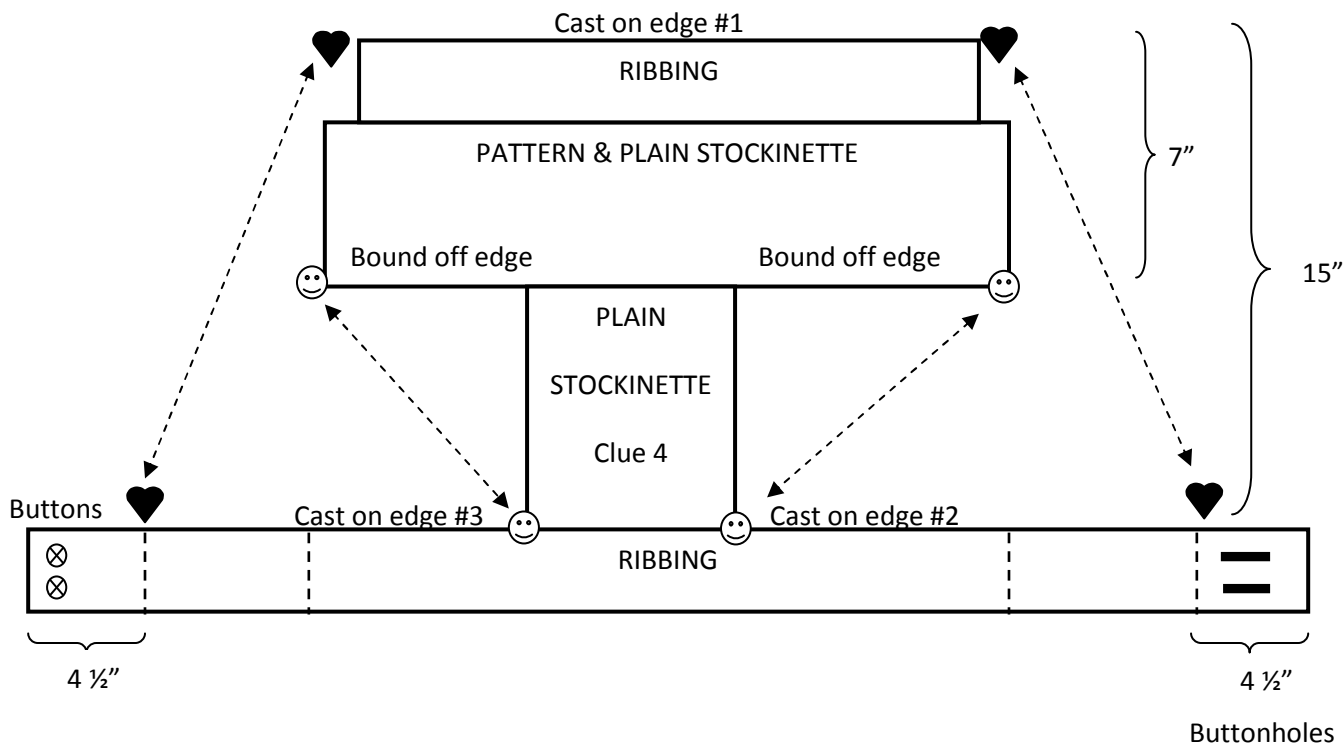Bind off loosely keeping the K2, P2 pattern.

**CLUE 7**
Assemble your "Hoodie with Neckwarmer":
Bring the "Smiley faces" together (see schematic below) and sew the edges together. *In other words:* Sew the bound off edges from **CLUE 4** Rows 1 and 2 to the selvedge sides (long edges) of the narrow stockinette section resulting from the **CLUE 4** knitting. This makes the head-shaped Hoodie.

Bring the "Hearts" together (see schematic below) and sew those edges together. *In other words:* Sew the ribbing sections to the selvedge edges of the large area knit in **CLUES 1 thru 3**, leaving approx. 4 ½ inches of ribbing loose on each side. This makes the lower collar or neck-warmer.

Try on Hoodie, overlap the remaining sections of ribbing, adjusting for comfort. Mark for 2 buttons to match buttonholes. Sew on buttons. Block.

# ONE PIECE CONSTRUCTION METHOD – All worked as one-piece, no sewing needed

This is another way to make the same hoodie. Here you will shape the back of the head as you would a square/Dutch shaped heel on a sock. Also, you will pick up and knit stitches for the ribbed neck warmer (cowl) portion. No sewing!!

Work Mystery Hoodie Clues 1 through 3.

**ALTERNATE CLUE 4 (Head Shaping)**
**Row 1:** k79, k2tog, turn work (you will leave 39 sts unworked)
**Row 2:** slip 1 as to purl, p38, p2tog, turn work (you will leave 39 sts unworked)
**Row 3:** slip 1 as to purl, k38, k2tog, turn work
**Row 4:** slip 1 as to purl, p38, p2tog, turn work

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until you have 40 sts remaining. At this point you should have eliminated all the stitches which were left unworked on both sides of the center.

**ALTERNATE CLUE 5 (Cowl)**
With right side facing, pick up and knit 26 sts along edge of piece to the right, evenly spaced, slipping each new stitch made back to the left-hand needle. You will need to pick up *approx.* one stitch for every 2 rows. Do not turn work.

Using the knitted or cable cast-on method, cast on 30 sts. Do not turn work.
Next, *k2, p2, repeat from * to end = 96 sts. Do not turn work, pick up and knit 26 sts along edge evenly spaced. Turn Work.
Cast on 30 sts. Do not turn work. You will now have 152 sts.
Work K2, p2 ribbing to end of row.
Repeat ribbing as established for 3 more rows.

Work **CLUE 6** as given. Now you can skip **CLUE 7** because there is no assembly required except to sew on your buttons!